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SUBJ: PRESS ACCREDITATION FOR FESTAC

REF : STATE 291349

1. DURING CALL AT FESTAC NOV 29 BY IO AND TOPIC INTERNATIONAL EDITOR SAUNDERS, FESTAC PUBLICITY CHIEF PROVIDED OVERVIEW OF LIMITED PRESS ACCREDITATION WHICH WILL LIKELY AFFECT HOPE-FOR USIA MEDIA PRESENCE. FINAL DECISION WILL NOT BE KNOWN BEFORE MID-DECEMBER. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING IS BASED ON PUBLICITY CHIEF'S COVERAGE CHART OF ALL FESTAC ACTIVITIES:

A. IT IS LIKELY RADIO REPORTERS WILL NOT HAVE STUDIO ACCESS BUT WILL BE SEATED WITH TEXT PRESS.

B. FILM AND TV COVERAGE FOR NATIONAL THEATER MAIN HALL EVENTS LIMITED TO TEN CREW MEMBERS INCLUDING "AFRICAN CONSORTIUM" AND NIGERIAN TV. FOR NATIONAL STADIUM OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES, NATIONAL MUSEUM, REGATTA, AND PARADE GROUND EVENTS, "UNLIMITED" COVERAGE WILL BE PERMITTED.

C. STILL PHOTOGRAPHY IN MAIN HALL LIMITED TO 2-MAN POOL (ALSO "CONSORTIUM"); UNLIMITED ACCESS FOR ACCREDITED STILL PHOTOGRAPHERS FOR TWO EXHIBIT HALLS AT THEATER, STADIUM, MUSEUM, REGATTA, AND PARADE GROUND. NEITHER FILM/TV NOR STILL PHOTOGRAPHY TO BE ALLOWED IN THEATER CONFERENCE HALL.

2. TOTAL MEDIA ACCREDITATION TO BE LIMITED TO 300 INCLUDING MEDIA REPS FROM NATIONAL DELEGATIONS. BASED ON 300 FIGURE, THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEAVES ONLY 184 PLACES FOR REMAINDER WORLD MEDIA. RECENT

UNESCO AND WEST GERMANY FILM INTERESTS HAVE CREATED ADDITIONAL PRESSURES ON THIS FIGURE.

3. POST CHECKING WITH BROADCAST ORGANIZATION OF NIGERIA, ORGAN RESPONSIBLE FOR TV AND RADIO COVERAGE INCLUDING DIRECT AND SATELLITE BROADCASTS. DUE TO HOLIDAYS, DO NOT EXPECT ADDITIONAL INFO UNTIL SECOND WEEK DECEMBER.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE GREATLY CONCERNED OVER THE RESTRICTIVE FESTAC PUBLICITY APPROACH DESCRIBED PARA 1 ABOVE, PARTICULARLY REGARDING FILM COVERAGE OF NATIONAL THEATRE MAIN HALL, WHERE PRINCIPAL EVENTS ARE LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE. LOSS OF THEM WOULD EMASCULATE PROPOSED USIS FILM COVERAGE OF FESTIVAL. AMBASSADOR THEREFORE PROPOSES TAKE THIS MATTER UP URGENTLY WITH FESTIVAL PRESIDENT FINGESI AND MAKE PITCH FOR FULL USIS MEDIA PARTICIPATION (FOR USIS FILM AND STILL COVERAGE IN MAIN HALL). IN MAKING THIS APPROACH, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR AMBASSADOR TO HAVE MAXIMUM BARGAINING LEVERAGE; COULD HE USE USG WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE \$115,000 FOR TRANSPORT OF US PARTICIPANTS? DOES DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTS TO SUGGEST OR SUBJECTS IT WOULD LIKE AMBASSADOR TO RAISE WITH FINGESI?

5. FYI: REFERENCE TO "200 TO 300 PARTICIPANTS" PARA 2 REFTTEL APPEARS TO REFLECT COMMENT BY ONWUACHI (PARA 5 LAGOS 13294-NOTAL) RATHER THAN EMBASSY ASSESSMENT PROVIDED PARA 7, LAGOS 13126 (NOTAL).  
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